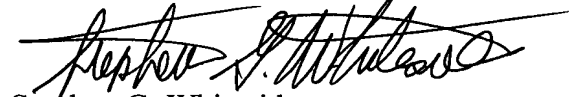


II. Second Preliminary Amendment

A Second Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith. In the Second Preliminary Amendment, claim 21 is canceled and new claims 27-174 are added.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Stephen G. Whiteside
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 42,224

Date: 6/29/99

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 371-2600

1stPrelim.WPD

09340690-062999